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Sir: Date: December 15, 2003

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract
 Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

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40 pages of specification and claims (including 18 numbered claims), and

1 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

Attached is a Power of Attorney.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number

Country

Day/Month/Year Filed

United States

PCT/US99/21015

15 September 1999

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____

This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/100371, filed 15 September 1998, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/394,644, filed March 24, 2003, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/799,124, filed March 6, 2001, which is a continuation of PCT Application No. PCT/US99/21015, filed September 15, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/100,371, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to BTG International Limited, London, England,

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

Applicant claims "small entity" status. "Small entity" statement attached.

Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Non-Publication Request; Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; Other:

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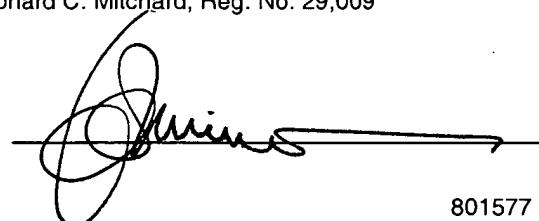
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